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Saturday, September 12, 2020

+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

[ADAPTED FROM PSALM 51:15 AND 113:3]

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

(Water may be touched, poured or sprinkled.)

By Word and water God renews us this day
in the living fountain of God's grace,
and raises us with Christ Jesus to live a new life in the Spirit.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. [PSALM 90:14]

+ **MORNING HYMN OR CANTICLE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanks-giving, *
and raise a loud shout with *psalms*.
For you, O God, are a great God,*
you are great a-bove all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the *earth*,*
and the heights of the hills are yours *also*.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the *knee*,*
and kneel before God, our Maker.

For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your *voice*!

[PSALM 95:1-7 (OSH PSALTER)]

+**MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One* be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

New every morning is your love, great God of light,
and all day long you are working for good in the world.
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our
neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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+ Psalm 103:8-13 CEV

Antiphon:

As far as the East is from the West,

So far the Lord removes our sins from us.

⁸ The LORD is merciful!

He is kind and patient,
and his love never fails.

⁹ The LORD won't always be angry
and point out our sins;

¹⁰ he doesn't punish us
as our sins deserve.

¹¹ How great is God's love for all who worship him?
Greater than the distance between heaven and earth!

¹² How far has the LORD taken our sins from us?
Farther than the distance from east to west!

¹³ Just as parents are kind
to their children,

the LORD is kind
to all who worship him,

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

As far as the East is from the West,

So far the Lord removes our sins from us.

Silence

+ WORD: Matthew 6:7-15 CEV

⁷ When you pray, don't talk on and on as people do who don't know God. They think God likes to hear long prayers.

⁸ Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask.

⁹ You should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,
help us to honor
your name.

¹⁰ Come and set up
your kingdom,
so that everyone on earth
will obey you,
as you are obeyed
in heaven.

¹¹ Give us our food for today.

¹² Forgive us for doing wrong,
as we forgive others.

¹³ Keep us from being tempted
and protect us from evil.

¹⁴ If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:
deliverance from enemies and from the hand of all who hate *us*;
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor, *Abraham*,
to make us un-a-*fraid*,
to rescue us from our *enemies*,
to serve before you, holy and just,
all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child,
shall be called prophet of the *Most High*,
going before you, Adonai, to pre-*pare* your *paths*,**

making your people know *de-liverance*

by the forgiveness of their *sins*.

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,
to shine on those kept in dungeons and the shadows of *death*
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*. [LUKE 1:68-79]

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **COMMEMORATION:** Jesse Lee

Jesse Lee was brought to conversion in 1773 and soon appointed a Methodist class leader. Lee gave the first of hundreds of sermons in 1779 in the North Carolina area and then developed a deep sense of being called to extend Methodism in New England. In 1789, Bishop Asbury appointed Lee to circuits first in Connecticut, then Massachusetts, and then Maine.

Click for more information: [Link #1](#) and [Link #2](#)

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

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Let us pray:

+ COLLECT OF THE DAY: Jesse Lee

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant Jesse Lee, to be a pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE

Almighty God, who sits in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech you to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of

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wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,
You have brought us in safety to this new day:
preserve us with your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ **BLESSING**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13